

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 048-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: February 27, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge M. Gonzalez", written over the printed name and title.

Subject: FIRE CHIEF FLOYD JORDAN

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you of two recent awards that Fire Chief Floyd Jordan has received.

The Mayor's Black Host Committee selected Chief Jordan as the Public Servant of the Year at their Black History Month Celebration held on February 26. This celebration honored different individuals from the community who have contributed to improving the quality of life for African-Americans on Miami Beach and throughout South Florida.

Miami-Dade College has inducted Chief Jordan into their Hall of Fame. Chief Jordan becomes only the second person to be inducted in the public safety category. David Paulson, the former Miami-Dade County Fire Chief and current U.S. Fire Administrator was the first.

Chief Jordan's selection for both these awards is based on his long and distinguished career as a firefighter and his many accomplishments throughout his career. Some of these accomplishments include the fact that Chief Jordan became the first African-American firefighter in South Florida to be promoted through the ranks by competitive examination. In the City of Miami, he was promoted to the following ranks: Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Chief Fire Officer, Division Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief. In 1996, Chief Jordan was appointed Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach, becoming the City's first African-American fire officer. In 1999, Chief Jordan was appointed Fire Chief for the City of Miami Beach, becoming the first African-American fire chief in Miami-Dade County.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Jordan for his two most recent recognitions and awards.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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January 14, 2004

Floyd Jordan
City of Miami Beach
2300 Pine Tree Dr
Miami Beach, FL 33140

Dear Floyd,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Miami Dade College Foundation, it is my great honor and privilege to inform you that you have been chosen for induction into the 2004 MDC Hall of Fame for your outstanding contributions to our community in the field of Public Safety.

On Thursday, April 29, 2004, the 2nd Annual Miami Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame Awards dinner will continue the tradition of recognizing the accomplishments of MDC alumni. The event serves two purposes: to honor our best; and raise funds for scholarships for worthy students like you.

Enclosed, please find a copy of last year's program and news clippings from the ceremony and an acceptance form. Last year, close to one thousand people attended the inaugural event.

Mr. Joseph Donahoo, Senior Director at the MDC Foundation, will be contacting you shortly to gather a curriculum vitae or résumé, photographs, and media consent form. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Joe at 305-237-3331 (office), 305-776-8948 (mobile), or joe.donahoo@mdc.edu.

It is my hope that you will join us for this important milestone so that we can honor your contributions and inspire our students to reach for greatness. Due to the format of the event, awards will not be presented in absentia. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerest regards,

Eduardo J. Padrón

Enclosures



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MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Miami Dade College Release Form

I, Floyd Jordan, hereby accept induction into the MDC Alumni Hall of Fame and consent to the use and reproduction of my image and biographical information.

I agree and consent to the taking and use of photographs and to the publication of such photographs in advertising and publications of MDC, and to the **publication of my name, my business and title, and/or biographical notes provided by me**, including without limitation posting on web sites, in order to assist educational, promotional, public relations and fundraising goals.

By signing this authorization and consent form, I hereby waive any right to compensation for such uses, and I and my successors or assigns hereby hold the college, its administrators, directors, officers, employees or agents and related entities, and assigns harmless from and against any claim for any injury, and any compensation, resulting from the activities authorized by me in this consent form. I understand that I have the right to revoke this waiver, and to revoke my consent and authorization in this form, at any time, by notifying the college in writing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make any corrections to the below information for publication:

Name: Floyd Jordan

Title: Fire Chief

Organization: City of Miami Beach

Address: 2300 Pine Tree Dr

City: Miami Beach

State Zip: FL 33140

Phone: 305-673-7120

When completed, please fax this form to (305) 237-3235. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Donahoo, MDC Foundation, at (305) 237-3331, or send e-mail to joe.donahoo@mdcc.edu

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE FLOYD JORDAN

Born in Madison, Georgia, May 16, 1943. Has been a Miami-Dade County resident for the past 57 years. Attended Dade County Schools, graduating from George Washington Carver High School in 1962.

Joined the United States Air Force in 1962 and received training at Greenville Air Force Base in Greenville, Mississippi as a Fire Protection Specialist. Served nearly four years in the Air Force, including one year in the Republic of Vietnam.

Joined the City of Miami Fire Department in March 1967. Promoted through the ranks by competitive examination, finishing in the top five on all promotional registers. With each promotion Floyd Jordan became the first Black in South Florida to be promoted to the following ranks;

1. Fire Lieutenant
2. Fire Captain
3. Chief Fire Officer
4. Division Fire Chief
5. Deputy Fire Chief

Appointed as Fire Chief of the City of Boynton Beach Fire Department in January, 1994 becoming the first Black Boynton Beach Fire Chief and Department Director. Served more than 2 ½ years. Appointed as Assistant Fire Chief in the City of Miami Beach in August, 1996 becoming the first Black Fire Officer in the City of Miami Beach. Appointed as City of Miami Beach Fire Chief in June, 1999 becoming the first Black Fire Chief in Miami-Dade County.

Attended Miami-Dade Community College, graduating with honors in 1978 with two Associate Degrees, one degree in Fire Service Administration, and the other in Fire Science and Technology. Attended the National Fire Academy, completing several courses, including Executive Development III.

Received many commendations, awards and recognition throughout his fire service career, including the United States Air Force Commendation Medal for firefighting actions in the Republic of Vietnam, in 1996 City of Miami fire station#12 dedicated in honor of retired Deputy Fire Chief Floyd Jordan, in 1994 honored by the City of Opa Locka with Proclamation "Mr. Floyd Jordan Day", in 1996 honored by the City of Miami with Proclamation "Chief Floyd Jordan Day", in 1996 honored by the City of Boynton Beach with Proclamation "Chief Floyd Jordan Day", in 2004 honored by Miami Dade College as a member of the MDC Hall of Fame.

CAREER MILE STONES

1. Hired by the City of Miami in 1967 and promoted by competitive examinations to the ranks of Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, and Chief Fire Officer. With each promotion became the first black in the State of Florida to attain those ranks.
2. Appointed to the position of Division Fire Chief in 1982 and Deputy Fire Chief in 1984. With each appointment became the first Black in the State of Florida to attain those ranks.
3. In 1994 retired from the City of Miami and appointed as Fire Chief in the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, becoming Boynton Beach's first Black Fire Chief and Department Director.
4. In 1996 resigned as Fire Chief in Boynton Beach and appointed as the first Black Assistant Fire Chief in the City of Miami Beach.
5. Resigned as Assistant Fire Chief in November 1998, and returned in June 1999 as the Fire Chief, becoming the first Black Fire Chief in Miami-Dade County.
6. Honor of picture being placed on Miami-Dade College Billboard
7. Honor of being recognized by the Miami Beach Sun Post in April, 2002 as one of the Top 50 individuals having an impact on our community.
8. In February, 1996 the City of Miami dedicated new Fire Station#12 in the honor of retired Deputy Fire Chief Floyd Jordan.
9. In the aftermath of the Night Club fire tragedy in Rhode Island in 2003, was interviewed on the NATIONAL T.V. PROGRAM 60 MINUTES II regarding night club inspections and fire sprinkler systems.
10. Recognized as an "Outstanding Graduate" by Miami-Dade Community College at a commencement ceremony in 1989.
11. Honor of being selected to the Miami-Dade College Hall of Fame
12. Received Air Force Commendation Medal for firefighting actions in the Republic of Viet Nam.
13. Served 3 years and 7 months in the U.S. Air Force as a Fire Protection Specialist.
14. Honored by the City of Miami with a Proclamation "Chief Floyd Jordan Day" in February 1996.
15. Honored by the City of Opa locka with a Proclamation "Mr. Floyd Jordan Day" in February 1994.
16. Honored by the City of Boynton Beach with a Proclamation "Chief Floyd Jordan Appreciation Day" August 1996